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The steamship *Monterey* sailed on August 29 for New York via Havana and Progreso, with 134 passengers. Nearly all of the New York passengers were from the City of Mexico, and, being first-class, their baggage was passed on inspection.

I inclose the mortuary report for the passed week.

Respectfully,

D. E. DUDLEY,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Vera Cruz, Mexico—Mortality report for the week ended August 31, 1901.

Yellow fever	2	Malarial fever	4
Tuberculosis	6	Pernicious malaria	3
Pneumonia	1	Meningitis	1
Enteritis	1	Tetanus	1
Gastro-enteritis	3	Total deaths from all causes.....	42
Entero-colitis	2		

NICARAGUA.

Reports from Bluefields—Fruit port.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *August 29, 1901.*

SIR : I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended August 28, 1901 :

Population, according to census of 1894, 3,000 ; present officially estimated population, 4,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none ; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none ; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none ; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none ; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none ; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 5. Prevailing diseases, malaria, in its manifold types, not pernicious, mainly of a tertian form, enteritis complications not uncommon. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week was fairly good. Five deaths occurred in this town, viz: August 23, a Spaniard, male, age 18, from chronic dysentery ; August 24, a Spaniard, male, age 50, chronic dysentery ; August 26, a negro, male, age 20, chronic dysentery ; also a negro, female, age 3, malarial fever ; August 28, a negro, male, age 2, malarial fever. Four of which died in the local hospital. Six inclosures, ship and passenger's certificates.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels : August 22, steamship *Utstein* ; crew, 15 ; passengers from this port, none ; passengers in transit, none ; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. August 25, steamship *Hiram* ; crew, 15 ; passengers from this port, 4 ; passengers in transit, none ; pieces of baggage disinfected, 8.

Respectfully,

WM. H. CARSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *September 5, 1901.*

SIR : I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended September 5, 1901 :

Population, according to census of 1894, 3,000 ; present officially estimated population, 4,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever

during the week, none ; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none ; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week none ; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none ; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none ; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 3. Prevailing diseases, mild type of malarial fever and enteric disorders, mainly dysentery. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week has been good. Three deaths occurred during the week, in this port, viz, 1 adult, male, negro, and 2 adults, males, Spaniards, and were due, respectively, to malarial fever, chronic dysentery, and senility. The 2 deaths last mentioned occurred in the San Pablo Hospital here.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels : September 1, steamship *Condor*; crew, 15 ; passengers from this port, none ; passengers in transit, none ; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. September 4, steamship *George W. Kelley*; crew, 19 ; passengers from this port, none ; passengers in transit, none ; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

WM. H. CARSON,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

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NOVA SCOTIA.

A case of smallpox on schooner Thalia at Halifax.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *September 11, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you, for the information of the U. S. Marine-Hospital Service, that a telegram has to-day been received from the consul-general at Halifax, which reads as follows: "American schooner *Thalia*, from Gloucester ; 1 case smallpox, seaman, to hospital ; 15 crew landed, quarantine grounds ; schooner to be disinfected."

Respectfully,

ALVEY A. ADEE,

Acting Secretary.

HON. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

PORTO RICO.

Report from Ponce.

PONCE, P. R., *September 2, 1901.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended August 31, 1901 ; also the report of immigrants inspected and summary of transactions for the month of August, 1901. Three vessels were inspected and passed and 6 bills of health were issued during the week ; 2 pieces of baggage and 1 sack of mail were disinfected coming from Puerto Plata in the steamship *Maria Herrera* ; 5 pieces disinfected in Cuba were inspected and passed. The American steamship *Californian* sailed on the 28th with 319 emigrants for Hawaii via New Orleans. The sanitary condition of the city has been improved a little by the recent rains flushing the foul street gutters.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.